

Draft Agenda

Governor's K-12 Public School Funding Advisory Council

Room 317, State Capitol
Thursday, October 4, 2001

Agenda times are approximate; some items may take more or less time than indicated

8:30 a.m. Call to Order
 Approval of minutes
 Committee business (updates from working groups
 and legal opinions on statewide teachers salary)

9:00 a.m. Public Input

Units of funding

9:30 am Regression analysis/entitlement evaluation – Jim
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 Elementary compared to Middle School cost

 \$5,000 per FTE – Amy Carlson

 Averaging analysis – Amy Carlson

12 noon Lunch

Taxpayer Equity

1:00 p.m. State funding the BASE budgets – Dan Dodds

 GTB funding for over-BASE budgets – Dan Dodds

 HB124 explanation - Judy Paynter

 HB 124 Tax Equity and options – Amy Carlson

Bringing it all together

3:00 p.m. Setting the priorities of the council

4:30 Conclusion
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Joint Legislative Interim Committee on Local Government and
Schools and
The Governor's K-12 Public School Funding Advisory Council

Room 317, State Capitol
Wednesday, October 3, 2001
1:00 pm

The Joint Committee will be convened to hear testimony and ask questions of school funding experts: John Augenblick of Augenblick and Myers, and Michael Griffith of Education Commission of the States.

- 1:00 pm Best Practices:
- Cost effective techniques for a relatively poor state like Montana to attract and retain teachers in competition with much higher income states on the west coast
 - Adjusting for declining enrollments
 - Fixed versus variable costs - what do other states do for the fixed cost of operating a district or a school
 - Montana contains rural, and extremely rural schools, what are the best methods for accurately representing costs in the funding formula
 - Weighting of various special needs (special education, at risk, etc.)
 - Comparative funding of elementary, middle school, and high school programs
 - Transportation funding (if time allows)
 - Distance Learning funding (if time allows)

3:00 pm What is an adequacy study?